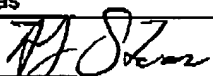


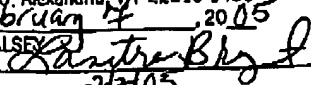
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		Application Number	09/772,919		
		Filing Date	January 31, 2001		
		First Named Inventor	Kazutaka KOCHI et al.		
		Group Art Unit	2143		
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$120.00	Examiner Name	BOUTAH, ALINA A		
<b>FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)</b>					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	17	- 20 =	0	X \$ 50.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	8	- 8 =	0	X \$ 200.00 =	0.00
Since an Official Action set an original due date of February 5, 2005, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$120)); (2 months (\$450)); (3 months (\$1,020)); (4 months (\$1,590)); (5 months (\$2,160));					120.00
If Notice of Appeal is enclosed, add (\$500.00)					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$130.00)					
Information Disclosure Statement (Rule 1.17(p)) (\$180.00)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$ 120.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$ 120.00
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Serial No. 09/772,919

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Filed: January 31, 2001

Examiner: Alina Boutah

For: **SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A PLURALITY OF APPARATUSES BASED ON  
ACCUMULATED OPERATING TIMES THEREOF TO EQUILIZE THE RESPECTIVE  
OPERATING TIMES OF THE APPARATUSES (AS AMENDED)**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on January 5, 2005. A Petition for a one-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to February 5, 2005, a Saturday, and hence this response is timely filed as of February 7, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.



Serial No. 09/772,919

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**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the Title in accordance with the following:

- - SYSTEM FOR OPERATING A PLURALITY OF TERMINAL EQUIPMENTS  
BASED ON ACCUMULATED OPERATING TIMES THEREOF TO EQUALIZE THE  
RESPECTIVE OPERATING TIMES OF THE TERMINAL EQUIPMENTS - -